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To whom it may concern:

I am opposed to the Proposed Final Judgment to the United States v. Microsoft Corp. As a software engineer, and a computer enthusiast, I have followed the Microsoft antitrust trial closely, and have been aware of the impact of Microsoft Corporation's anti-competitive practices for much longer. In my opinion, the Proposed Final Judgment does not go far enough to prevent Microsoft from continuing these anticompetitive practices. In particular, the Proposed Final Judgment too narrowly defines the "Microsoft Middleware Product", and eliminates from definition U: "Windows Operating System Product" several important Microsoft operating systems. In order to effectively limit Microsoft's ability to stifle competition, the definition of "API " should probably be expanded to include many other API's that a conservative interpretation of the existing definition might exclude. I believe that, in addition, Microsoft's overly restrictive licensing that discriminates against Independent Software Vendors who develop solutions for open source operating systems, or ship open source software must be effectively remedied in any acceptable Final Judgment.

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